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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT : Proposed NSC Special Committee on
Technical Surveillance Countermeasures**

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for DCI approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 3.

2. For the past several months, representatives of the FBI, OSI, G-2, ONI, State and this office have been meeting as an Ad Hoc Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Patrick Coyne, NSC Representative for Internal Security. The purpose of these meetings has been to develop recommendations on the subject of clandestine listening devices as a result of a memorandum from the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense, and from Secretary of Defense to the National Security Council pointing out the need for a focal point for the receipt of all information pertinent to the development of a national integrated program of countermeasures to the security threat posed by clandestine listening devices.

3. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends the establishment of an NSC Special Committee on Technical Surveillance Countermeasures with a charter as shown in the attached draft (TAB C). This draft is a revised version of a charter which started out by proposing an NSC Committee on Counterintelligence but which your representative, upon the continuing advice of Deputy Director (Plans), strongly objected to as being outside the scope of this group. TAB B is a proposed memorandum from Mr. Coyne to the Executive Secretary, NSC for our information. TAB A is a memorandum of transmittal from Mr. Coyne to CIA.

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4. General [REDACTED] has been kept informed on the discussions and feeling of the Committee members with respect to the need for a national counterintelligence policy. The Deputy Director (Plans) has been briefed on the discussions of this Ad Hoc Committee in the field of counterintelligence and countermeasures and concurs in the proposed NSC Committee and its charter.

5. It is recommended that you concur in the establishment of this special committee and its charter by signing the attached concurrence memorandum.

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Sheffield Edwards
Director of Security

Enclosures:

1. Memo to Mr. Coyne
fr DGI. Subj: Clandestine Listening Devices.
2. TAB A, Memo of Transmittal fr Mr. Coyne to CIA dtd 7 Aug.
3. TAB B, Proposed Memo fr Mr. Coyne to Exec Sec. NSC, undtd.
4. TAB C, Charter, dtd 31 Jul.

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CONCURRENCES:

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Deputy Director (Plans)

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Assistant **Deputy Director (Support)**

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Director

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